

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q86312

Kenji YAMAGUCHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/524,776

Group Art Unit: 3612

Confirmation No.: 3407

Examiner: GUTMAN, Hilary L.

Filed: March 2, 2006

For: COLLISION ENERGY-ABSORBING MATERIAL FOR VEHICLE AND COLLISION ENERGY-ABSORBING STRUCTURE OF VEHICLE USING THE MATERIAL

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

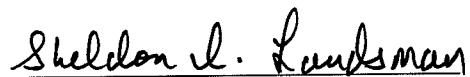
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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action of August 14, 2008, applicants elect without traverse the following species for prosecution in this application: Species A: Figures 1-20 and 34-49. Claims readable on the elected species are claims 14-17 and 34, and the claims that the Examiner has indicated are generic, namely claims 1-13, 16-26 and 28-33.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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